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***Rep. Carson Announces High School Rocket Contest
Cash Prizes for Student Winners***

Washington, D.C. --

Second District Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) announced today the launch of a contest for U.S. high school students to develop model rockets through their school science departments. The contest is in celebration of the centennial of powered flight in 2003, and is being supported by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the National Association of Rocketry (NAR).

“Team America Rocketry Challenge,” is a rocket design and launch contest where five winning student teams will share a total prize pool of approximately \$50,000 in savings bonds. Their school’s science department will share \$9,000 in cash.

The Challenge involves designing, building, and flying a multi-stage model rocket weighing less than 3.3 pounds at liftoff carrying a payload of two raw eggs and an electronic altimeter as close as possible to 1500 feet. The winners will be determined at a fly-off competition to be held in Northern Virginia in April, 2003.

“This is a great way for Oklahoma students interested in the science of rocketry to compete on a national level,” said Congressman Carson. “I look forward to a team of Oklahoma students bringing home this championship to our great state.”

Information about the Challenge is posted on the AIA website which can be reached at www.aia-aerospace.org

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